

# Green & Independent Alliance Group Amendment to the Cabinet’s proposed 2023/24 Budget for Consideration at Full Council 16 February 2023

## Purpose of Report

1. To propose to Full Council one proposed amendment from the Green & Independent Alliance Group to the budget recommended by Cabinet on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2023, with officer’s technical comments on the impact to the budget.

## Background

2. The proposals are set out below:

## Revenue Amendment: Revenue Budget for Fuel Poverty Advisors

Green & Independent Alliance Revenue Budget Amendment Proposals 2023/24	£m	£m
Additional Expenditure – Fuel Poverty Advisors		0.105
Funding – further drawdown on usable reserves	(0.105)	
Net Total Impact 2023/24	(0.105)	0.105
Balance / Gap		0

3. WCC is currently working with Midlands Net Zero Hub and Worcestershire District Councils regarding allocation of government capital funding to decarbonisation measures in fuel poor homes in the county. There is currently some funding available through the Household support programme, which WCC administers.
4. The additional revenue spend would pay for 3 x Act on Energy fuel poverty advisors for a period of one year.
5. This proposal is to fund this from Council Reserves for the full amount.

## Finance Technical Comments

6. It is assumed that the funding will come from the Business Rates Reserve which is forecast to be slightly higher than expected in 2022/23.

## Monitoring Officer Technical Comments

7. This proposal can be considered by Council as part of the budget.

## Head of Paid Service Technical Comments

8. This does not appear to have any impact on the Council’s organisational structure or staffing.

## Conclusion

9. The Council is able to consider the amendment